

Sen. Wallgren's files.  
Preliminary draft

Senator To demonstrate the type of pressure brought to bear upon a single ~~electoral representative of the people~~ in the matter of Japanese evacuation, a ~~special~~ <sup>special</sup> analysis of the files of ~~Senator~~ <sup>By him</sup> Monrad C. Wallgren of Washington <sup>was made.</sup> Of a

<sup>contributed</sup> total of 167 communications received on the Japanese problem, the American Legion <sup>(Fred M. Fueker,</sup> ~~sixty-two.~~ Thirteen of these came from the Washington State Adjutant, who in each

of his letters enclosed one or more resolutions from individual posts, ~~representing every major city in Washington.~~ <sup>Many individual posts, including six from Oregon, sent resolutions direct to the Senator. Every major city in Washington was represented by a demand from its Legion Post. ~~Some of the individual posts, including six from Oregon, sent their resolutions direct to Wallgren, who is Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Alien Nationalities and Sabotage.~~</sup>

There was but a single duplication, forty-eight <sup>Legion</sup> posts thus being heard from. Of these, <sup>nineteen</sup> ~~twenty~~ stated that they wanted Japanese "aliens" evacuated, and twenty-nine specified the removal of "all" Japanese. There is an apparent confusion over the citizenship status of Japanese, however, and it is highly probable that a larger number of posts than indicated above actually desired the evacuation of citizens and aliens alike.

Other organizations represented in the files include the Grange, Chambers of Commerce, Lions, Shrine and Kiwanis Clubs, various trades unions, the Council of Churches and Christian Education, local clubs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled Veterans of the World War. All of these, with the single exception of the Council of Churches, advocated mass evacuation. The Grange, on almost identical forms, sent seven communications to the Senator, while more individualistic Chambers of Commerce sent seven also. Kiwanis led the clubs with five demands for Japanese exclusion. Nine trades unions, including the Auburn, Washington, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the United Brotherhood of Shipwrights, Ship Joiners and Boat Builders, Local Union #1184, Seattle, demanded exclusion.

A total of 101 letters from organized groups leaves <sup>telegrams,</sup> ~~sixty-six~~ letters and cards from individuals. These were, with the exception of four, vigorously in favor of mass Japanese evacuation. One of those opposing exclusion came from a minister. Letters bore the same general tenor as those recorded from the files

60.4 - *Wazabun!*  
*Salme!*

To demonstrate the type of pressure brought to bear upon a single elected representative of the people in the matter of Japanese evacuation, a detailed analysis of the files of Senator Monrad C. Wallgren of Washington. <sup>was made</sup> Of a total of 147 communications received on the Japanese problem, the American Legion <sup>sent</sup> ~~sixty-two~~ <sup>58</sup>. Thirteen of these came from the Washington State Adjutant, who in each of his letters enclosed one or more resolutions from individual posts, representing every major city in Washington. Some of the individual posts, including six from Oregon, sent their resolutions direct<sup>ly</sup> to Wallgren, who is Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Alien Nationalities and Sabotage. There was but a single duplication, forty-eight posts thus being hear from. Of these, twenty stated that they wanted Japanese "aliens" evacuated, and twenty-nine specified the removal of "all" Japanese. There is an apparent confusion over the citizenship status of Japanese, however, and it is highly prbbable that a larger number of posts than indicated above actually desired the evacuation of citizens and aliens alike.

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A total of <sup>196</sup> 101 letters from organized groups leaves ~~sixty-six~~ <sup>55</sup> letters and cards from individuals. These were, with the exception of four, vigorously in favor of mass Japanese evacuation. One of those opposing exclusion came from a minister. Letters bore the same general tenor as those recorded from the files

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of the Justice Department. Typical comments are:

"What we are all interested in is to prevent another Pearl Harbor on the Pacific Coast, but we will have it as sure as night follows the day if we do not stop this mollycoddling policy we now have towards the Japanese." (Edwin C. Mathias, Gen. Attorney, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Washington)

"If left to follow their present course, the Japanese will baby us off the Pacific coast in five or six generations. This war gives us the opportunity and the excuse to properly solve the problem while it is still solvable."

(Chas. E. Putnam, Colonial Cedar Co., Seattle, Washington)

"Please do all you can to eliminate the Japs from the coast, nobody can feel save as long those rats can come and go where they please."

(A. Guber, 3815 So. J, Tacoma, Washington)

Walter Lippmann, Henry McLemore, and Westbrook Pegler were each represented by one clipping.

Although the analysis covered material received from December 7 until the end of March, no letter concerning evacuation of the Japanese was sent to the Senator until January 15. They are sparse during the remainder of January, seldom as many as three a day, and reach a peak of eleven per day only on February 18 and 19. The fact that sixty-one letters were received after February 19 illustrates that the public as a whole did not understand the significance of the transfer of the problem to the hands of the War Department by the Presidential Proclamation of February 19.

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Wallgren

Pro

Total

97% unforwade

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Number %

Number %

	Number	%		Number	%
Individ.	51	34		Individ	4
Total P's	96	65.3		Total P's	1
Total	147	100%		Total	5
					100%

Note:- P's above are all P 3's. Some of the individuals may be P's 1-2-4. There is no apparent check in the material at hand.

Three March 2

No %

No %

	No	%		No	%
Individ	45			Individ	0
Total P's	85			Total P's	1
Total	130			Total	1

How many leg. m letters; explain - (58) - see write-up.

What other groups big representation

Granges - 7

C of C's - 7

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 15 \\
 144 \overline{) 2310} \\
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 860 \\
 \underline{720} \\
 140
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Pro in Red

Con in Blue

P1 - Same form - same family - how check?

P2 - Identical text - form letter -

P3 Organizational

P4 - Multiple signature letter,

Total Number of letters

	PRO		CON	
	No.	%	No.	%
(No P's) In div.				
Total Pressure (all P's)				
Total Pressure		100%		100%

← This chart for

- ① Total
- ② Up thru March 2 only
- ③ After March 2

P's only

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Get Congressional Directory in Lamoni Library  
 Figure out how many letters in total  
 came from Tolson's constituency!  
 One number

Wallgren

Grange:

- Fruitvale Grange #348 (Yakima, Wa)
- West Wenatchee - #1024 - 2/19
- Benton Co. Panna Grange #26 -
- Wapato Grange #335, Waches, Wash - 2/16
- " " " " " " 2/14
- Broadway " " 647, Yakima Wa - 2/21
- Ashue Gr #795, Wapato, Wa, 2/14

C. of C.

- Olympia<sup>Wa</sup> - 2/27
- Lower Columbia Associated C of C's - 2/26 (Astoria, Ore)
- Cottage Grove, Ore, 3/4
- Seaside, Ore - 2/27
- Ivanhoe, Calif (?) - 2/21
- Tacoma, Wa. - 2/18
- Ya Connor, Wa - 2/2

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Other Organizations

Olympia, Lim's

Kiwanis

Everett Bldg & Constr. Trades Council (Wa)

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United Brotherhood Shipwrights, Ship Joiners & Boat Builders, L.U. 1184 Seattle

Brotherhood of RR Trainmen Auburn Wa

Carpenters Local Union #2205, Wenatchee Wa

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Bremerton (Wa) Bldg & Constr Trades Council

Timber & Sawmill Workers Union L#2682 Tacoma, Wa

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International Brotherhood  
of Paper Makers 2/14 Summer, Wash

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Brotherhood Ry Carmen of Anso,  
Auburn Lodge # 438

1

Melton Growers Association of  
State of Wa.

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Evergreen Local # 393, Farmers  
Union + Co-operative Union of North  
America of Puyallup, Wa.

1

Council of Churches & X in Education

2/19 - against evac.

P<sub>3</sub> cm

Western Co. Shrine Club, Bellingham, Wa.  
no date

1

Rainier Commercial Club, (One) - 2/25

(10)

Veterans of Foreign Wars - 3/3, 3/14

(+1)

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Board of Supervisors,  
Imperial Co., El Centro, Cal - 3/2

Dec 7

Dec 27

Senator  
Wallgren's ①

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Jan 1

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Jan 16 - 11

Feb. 4

Senator  
Wallace

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5-III

23-1

6-II

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9-1

27-1

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10-II

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11-1

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11  
152

Pegler

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no Evac -

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22	20	36	96
22	20	36	96
22	20	36	96

Sippmann

1

no Lemon

1

91	56	152	56
91	56	152	56
91	56	152	56

Total - 167

Wallgren

From Legions:-

State Commander:-

Wash - ~~III~~ ~~III~~ III

From Individ. Posts - Dates

Silverton, Ore 3/5  
 Adrian, Ore 2/24  
 Lou's Laidl Post, Goldendale, Wa 2/25  
 Auburn, Wa 3/2  
 Enterprise, Ore 3/11  
 (Clement Dist)  
 Corvallis, Ore 2/28  
 Ambot, Wa - 2/5  
 2 1/2 Bremer, Wa - 2/23

Lake Washington, Wa - 3/3  
 Mt Angel, Ore - 3/6  
 Kennewick, Wa 2/26  
 Portland, Ore - 2/28  
 West Seattle, -  
 Magnolia, 2/24  
 Port Angeles, Wa - 2/25

Bothell, Wa - 2/25  
 University Post #11, 2/18  
 Auburn, Wa - 2/18  
 Rainier Valley Post #139, 2/21  
 (Seattle, Wa)  
 Longview, Wa - 2/13  
 Elma, Wa - 2/9  
 Concrete, Wa, 2/11  
 Spokane " - 2/9

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All Japs  
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Individual Posts, cont'd

Wallgren

Granite Falls, Wa, 2/3

Edw. B. Rhodes Post # 2, Tacoma - 2/2

Albert G. Hamilton Post # 7, Bellingham, Wa - 2/26

Fred E. Hayes Post # 57, Grandview, Wa - 2/11

Logan Wheeler # 36, Yakima, Wa - 2/9

Wenatchee # 10, 2/19, 2/12

Malcolm Crabtree # 50, Toppenish, Wa - 2/19, 2/18

Elmer Lindskog # 135, Richland, Wa, 2/19

Rizal # 142, Seattle - 2/19

North Seattle # 112, Seattle, 2/11

Clatsop P # 64, (Wa) - 2/20

Leviathan # 12, Watermill, Wa - 3/11

Spokane, # 9, 3/13

Frank Freese # 66, Edmonds, Wa, 2/9

Wesley Kennedy # 77, Ethel, Wa, 2/?

Fred B. Winell # 31, Skilton, Wa, 3/3

North Side # 136, Spokane - 3/2

Selah (Wa) # 88 - 3/5

Carl Faulkner # 6, Everett, Wa - 2/24

Huy Enman # 156, Deer Park, Wa - 3/27

Logan Wheeler # 36, Yakima, Wa - 2/10

Blackburn # 3348, Seattle, - 1/24

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